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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

Alain GUESDON

: EXAMINER: EVANS, R.

SERIAL NO: 09/899,154

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FILED: July 6, 2001

: GROUP ART UNIT: 3752

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR CONTROLLING THE
EMPTYING OF AN
INDUCTION UNIT OF AN
AGRICULTURAL SPRAYER

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 17, 2003, the Applicant elects with traverse the invention of Group I corresponding to method for driving, and identifies Claims 1-4 as readable on the elected invention.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement based on MPEP § 803, which states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

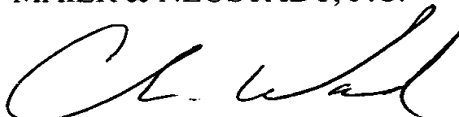
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The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding restriction requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-16 be conducted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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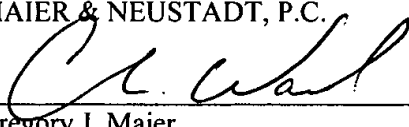
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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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